

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application:

Listing of Claims:

1-20. (Canceled)

21. (New) A method for detecting denial of service attacks on a resource in an electronic system, wherein access to the resource is based on payments in electronic security value units, comprising:

detecting patterns of payments for the resource over a plurality of users in electronic security value units;

comparing the patterns of payments to predetermined patterns of payment; and

indicating a denial of service attack based upon the comparison of the patterns of payments to the predetermined patterns of payment.

22. (New) A method for detecting denial of service attacks on a resource in an electronic system, wherein access to the resource is based on payments in electronic security value units, comprising:

detecting incoming patterns of payments for the resource in electronic security value units;

comparing the patterns of payments to predetermined patterns of payment; and

indicating a denial of service attack based upon the comparison of the patterns of payments to the predetermined patterns of payment.

23. (New) A method for detecting denial of service attacks on a resource in an electronic system, wherein access to the resource is based on payments in electronic security value units, comprising:

detecting patterns of payments, irrespective of source, for the resource in electronic security value units;

comparing the patterns of payments to predetermined patterns of payment; and

indicating a denial of service attack based upon the comparison of the patterns of payments to the predetermined patterns of payment.

24. (New) A method for detecting denial of service attacks on a resource in an electronic system, wherein access to the resource is based on payments in electronic security value units, comprising:

detecting patterns of payments for the resource over all users in electronic security value units;

comparing the patterns of payments to predetermined patterns of payment; and

indicating a denial of service attack based upon the comparison of the patterns of payments to the predetermined patterns of payment.